

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SYNTHESIZING AND DEFEATING  
VIDEO COPY PROTECTION SIGNALS

5 ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for defeating copy protection signals in a video signal, and also for providing copy protection signals for a video signal, is disclosed. The defeat technique generally utilizes a particular pulse position shifting, modulation, etc., of AGC, normal sync and/or pseudo sync pulses to increase the separation between the pulses.

- 10 Various embodiments are disclosed including selective shifting of the relative positions of either the sync/pseudo sync or AGC pulses, trimming portions of the sync/pseudo sync and/or the AGC pulses and narrowing of either the sync/pseudo sync and/or the AGC pulses, all to provide the selective position separation between the sync/pseudo sync and AGC pulses. The copy protection technique includes various embodiments for
- 15 dynamically varying the sync/pseudo sync and AGC pulse separation by applying a modulation of the above position shifting, trimming and/or narrowing techniques over selected time periods to cycle from the copy protection condition to the copy protection defeat condition, back to the copy protection condition.